

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the *Final Office Action* dated September 12, 2008 wherein claims 1, 3-24, 26-31 and 47-61 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a), and Applicants acknowledge receipt of the *Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review* dated June 4, 2009. In response, Applicants file concurrently herewith a *Request for Continued Examination* and respectfully request entry of the claim amendments submitted herein and reconsideration of the presently claimed application in view of the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 3-18, 21-24, 30 and 31 are in original form.

Claims 1, 20, 47, 49-52, 57, 59 and 61 are currently amended.

Claims 19, 26-29, 48, 58 and 60 were previously presented.

Claims 2, 25 and 32-46 were previously canceled.

Claims 53-56 are currently canceled.

Therefore, claims 1, 3-24, 26-31, 47-52 and 57-61 are currently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the *Final Office Action*, claims 1, 3-19, 47-49 and 53-61 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,442,241 to Tsumpes et al. (hereinafter *Tsumpes*), either alone or in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,504,479 B1 to Lemons (hereinafter *Lemons*). Claims 57-61 were also rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemons* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,667,688 to Menard et al. (hereinafter *Menard*).

Claims 20-24, 26-31 and 50-52 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lemons* in view of *Tsumpes* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,826,173 to Kung et al. (hereinafter *Kung*). Claims 20-24, 26-31, 47-52 and 55-61 were also rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,400,265 to Saylor et al. (hereinafter *Saylor*) in view of *Kung* and further in view of *Tsumpes*.

Tsumpes discloses a notification system 10 comprising a controller 12 that detects changes in the status of various sensors 11 connected thereto (col. 4, lines 53-64). “The controller 12 communicates with a central monitoring station 13 through several alternate communication channels” (col. 4, lines 65-67). “The controller 12 is programmed to format the sensor signal into DTMF or DDP and select the appropriate communications network or channel on which to transmit, depending on which communication channel is installed or chosen and which sensor and the type of sensor that is triggered” (col. 5, lines 35-40). The *Final Office Action* indicates that *Tsumpes* teaches a wireless transceiver 19 and/or a radio frequency RF transceiver 20 to transmit the digital data packet DDP to the central monitoring station 13, and the Patent Office takes the position that this disclosure would suggest using both transceivers 19, 20 to transmit the DDP to the central monitoring station 13 substantially simultaneously.

Lemons teaches an integrated security system 10 with first and second communication channels 36, 50 that are both connected between a facility 12 and a monitoring center 38. The first communication channel 36 is “primary”, and the second communication channel 50 is “backup” that is used only when the primary channel 36 “fails, is not available, or is interrupted.” Thus, *Lemons* teaches alternative channels 36, 50, each designed to transmit video and audio alarm information from the facility 12 to the monitoring center 38. The Patent Office takes the position that it would be obvious to modify the teachings of *Tsumpes* into the system of *Lemons* for

transmitting the video and audio alarm information simultaneously along the two channels 36, 50.

Menard generally discloses an alarm system 10 that is operable to substantially simultaneously transmit alarm notifications along Path A to an end-user 30 and along Path B to a central station 20, as schematically depicted in Figure 1. The end-user 30 can then communicate directly with the central station 20 along Path C using a personal communication device 40 to either verify or cancel the alarm before an emergency agency is dispatched. Thus, *Menard* discloses a system having two communication Paths A, B along which an alarm condition may be simultaneously transmitted to two different destinations. The Patent Office takes the position that one of ordinary skill in the art would modify the simultaneous communication Paths A, B of *Menard* into the two channels 36, 50 of *Lemons* to notify the monitoring center 38 without delay when one of the transmissions is lost.

Saylor generally discloses a security system 100 comprising control panels 120, 122, 124 that transmit alarm information from various types of security devices to a central security network 130, as schematically depicted in Figure 1 (col. 4, lines 18-28).

Amendments to Independent Claims

Applicants hereby amend independent claims 1, 20 and 57 in substantially similar ways to recite that different alarm information is transferred between security gateway and the security system server and/or the monitoring center along each of two networks. In particular, amended claim 1 recites that a security system server is operatively coupled to a security gateway through first and second networks, the security gateway is configured to transfer Alarm Video associated with an alarm condition to the security system server in substantially real time only through the first network, the security gateway is further configured to notify the security system server of the alarm condition through the first network substantially simultaneously with notifying the security

system server of the alarm condition through the second network, and the security system server thereby receives the Alarm Video and two notifications of the alarm condition from the security gateway. Thus, according to amended independent claim 1, different alarm information is transferred between the security gateway and the security system server through the first network and the second network, respectively. Namely, both a notification of the alarm condition and the Alarm Video are transferred through the first network, whereas only a notification of the alarm condition is transferred through the second network.

Similarly, amended claim 20 recites that the security gateway is configured to transfer Alarm Video associated with an alarm condition to the security system server in substantially real time only through the second network, the security gateway is configured to notify the security system server of the alarm condition through the second network substantially simultaneously with notifying the security system server of the alarm condition through the third network, and the security system server is configured to receive the Alarm Video through the second network, to receive a notification of the alarm condition through the second network and to receive another notification of the alarm condition through the third network. Thus, according to amended independent claim 20, different alarm information is transferred between the security gateway and the security system server through the second network and the third network, respectively. Namely, both a notification of the alarm condition and the Alarm Video are transferred through the second network, whereas only a notification of the alarm condition is transferred through the third network.

Independent claim 57 is also amended to recite that different alarm information is transferred from the security gateway along first and second networks to the security system server and to the monitoring center, respectively. In particular, amended claim 57 recites that the security

gateway is configured to notify the security system server of the alarm condition and to transfer Alarm Video associated with the alarm condition to the security system server through the first network, and security gateway is configured to notify the monitoring center of the alarm condition without transferring the Alarm Video through the second network. Thus, according to amended independent claim 57, different alarm information is transferred from the security gateway along the first network and the second network, respectively. Namely, both a notification of the alarm condition and the Alarm Video are transferred through the first network to the security system server, whereas only a notification of the alarm condition is transferred through the second network to the monitoring center.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references *Tsumpes*, *Lemons*, *Menard*, *Kung* and/or *Saylor*, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests each and every element of any of the independent claims 1, 20 and 57 as hereby amended at least because none of these references teaches sending Alarm Video associated with an alarm condition through only one of two networks while sending alarm notifications of the alarm condition substantially simultaneously through both of the two networks. Further, the amendments to independent claims 1, 20 and 57 are clearly supported at least by paragraphs [0046], [0047], [0069], [0070] and [0071] of the subject application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-24, 26-31, 47-52 and 57-61 are in condition for allowance over the cited references of record.

Miscellaneous Claim Amendments

Claims 47, 49, 50, and 52 are amended to clarify that the security gateway sends a notification signal to the security system server through one of two networks when detecting that connectivity with the other of the two networks is lost.

Claims 50, 51 and 52 are amended for consistency with independent claim 20.

Claims 59 and 61 are amended for consistency with independent claim 57.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the patentability of the pending claims has been clearly established, and these claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all remaining rejections, and issuance of a *Notice of Allowance*.

CONCLUSION


Consideration of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendments. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the *Final Office Action* dated September 12, 2008 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Plano, Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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